

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication subscriber device, comprising:
2 a subscriber basic unit; and
3 an audio/speaking unit, detachably interengageable with said
4 subscriber basic unit, that provides audio and speaking
5 functionality for said subscriber basic unit.

2. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein a short-range wireless link allows communication between
3 said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit.

3. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.

4. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station
3 for said audio/speaking unit.

5. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit
3 have complementary interfaces for electrically connecting said
4 subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit together.

6. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.

7. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one
3 loudspeaker.

8. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one
3 of:
4 a hands-free kit, and
5 a headset.

9. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is rigid.

10. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim
2 1 wherein said communication subscriber device is a mobile
3 telephone.

11. An audio/speaking unit, comprising:

2 a mechanical interface configured to allow said audio/speaking
3 unit to be detachably interengageable with a subscriber basic unit;

4 an electrical interface configured to communicate with said
5 subscriber basic unit; and

6 a microphone and a loudspeaker coupled to said electrical
7 interface and configured to provide audio and speaking
8 functionality for said subscriber basic unit.

12. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said electrical interface comprises a short-range wireless link
3 that allows communication between said subscriber basic unit and
4 said audio/speaking unit.

13. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.

14. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said audio/speaking unit derives power from a charging station of
3 said subscriber basic unit.

15. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.

16. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one
3 loudspeaker.

17. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one of:
3 a hands-free kit, and
4 a headset.

18. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said audio/speaking unit is rigid.

19. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein
2 said communication subscriber device is a mobile telephone.